

**BUSINESS METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR EXPEDITING  
REQUEST FOR QUOTATION (RFQ) PROCESSES  
IN A NETWORK ENVIRONMENT**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           An improved system and method for market makers of electronic  
marketplaces provides RFQ processes over a network in a way that shortens  
the time taken to run an RFQ process without sacrificing effectiveness as a  
trading mechanism. At the same time, buyers are allowed to research the  
market without actually submitting RFQs to the electronic marketplace. In this  
10 way, the accuracy the market research and the effectiveness of trading is  
increased by aggregating tentative and historical sell bids from multiple  
electronic marketplaces.